

Programming Education under Implementation of the New Course of Study from 2020

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Abstract

In recent years, interest in IT-related education, including programming education at the elementary school and junior high school levels, has been rising globally. In Japan, “programming education” will be introduced in 2020. Yet no initiatives at schools to develop teaching methods in programming education seem to be underway. Given this situation, I would propose that the educational administration and teacher training universities cooperate in developing and promptly implementing instructor training programs for in-service teachers.

We have also found that students aspiring to be teachers do not mind learning teaching methods in programming education. It is among our duties to equip these young teacher candidates with essential skills in programming education and train them to become potential leaders in this area at schools when they start teaching.

It has been predicted that a “technological singularity” will occur around 2045, when the artificial intelligence will surpass human intelligence. In view of this, the government and industries have already started various actions toward “Society 5.0.” The new Courses of Study, which aiming to introduce STEAM education, have specified the introduction of “computational thinking”. Those of us in the field of education should not lag behind, either.

In my own experience, during a workshop at my university, students of the digital-native generation did not have much difficulty completing the practice shown here and then further proceeding to advanced problems.



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Everyone Can Code



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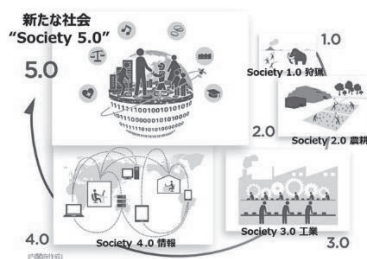


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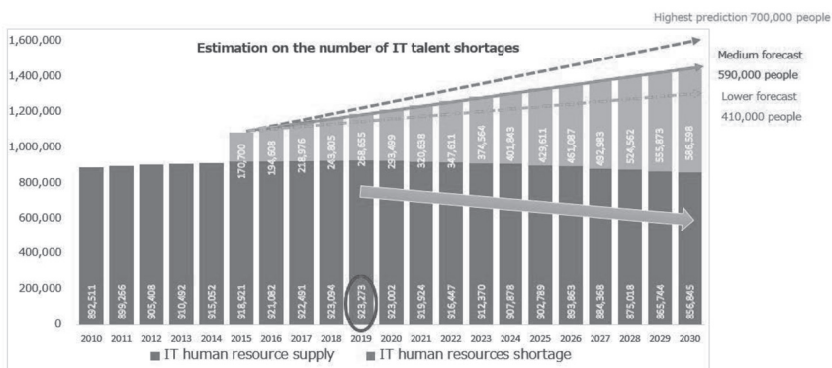
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Survey results on latest trends and future estimates of IT personnel
2018/06/10 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Author reorganization)

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700,000

The highest prediction is a big number, isn't it?



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The Schedule for Publishing The New Courses of Study

Time Schedule						
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Kinder-garten	CS revision Dissemination of the new CS concept	New CS-based education				
Primary School	CS revision Dissemination of the new CS concept	Partial implementation of the new CS	General prohibitions etc. Arithmetic, Science	New CS-based education		
Middle School	CS revision Dissemination of the new CS concept	Partial implementation of the new CS	General prohibitions etc. Mathematics, Science	New CS-based education		
High School	CS revision Dissemination of the new CS concept	Partial implementation of the new CS	General prohibitions etc.	Mathematics, Science*	New CS-based Education*	

*Although the CS is to be applied fully for the students who enter high school in 2013, the content relating to Math and Science is to be applied in advance for the students who enter in 2012.

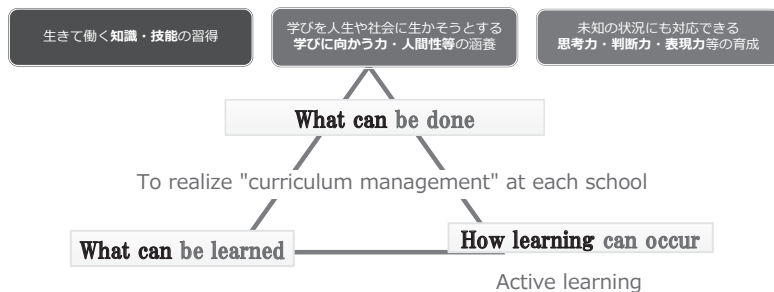
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The Policy on the New Course of Study

Fostering the qualities and abilities required for a new era



MEXT-HP http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/new-cs/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2017/09/28/1396716_1.pdf
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Overview of New Course of Study (Arithmetic)

Elementary School General Provisions p.83

(3) In each school, information tools such as computers, information communication networks, etc., as well as the environment necessary for and effective use of these are prepared and aimed to enrich the learning environments that can appropriately be utilized.

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Elementary School **New COURSES OF STUDY** Chapter 1 General Provisions

2. In addition to the above, consideration should be given to the following items:

When teaching subjects, etc., each school should improve learning activities so that pupils become familiar with information devices, such as computers and information and communications networks, acquire basic operation skills,

such as typing letters on a computer keyboard,

and information ethics, and are able to use information devices appropriately. In addition to these information devices, each school should also use other teaching materials and aids properly, such as audiovisual materials and teaching and learning devices.

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From Now on, "Programming Education" begins.

Items	Select Designated School	Implemented under the leadership of educational administration	Implemented at the teacher training center	Have a company assist
Prefectures/47	10	14	29	7
Designated cities/20	7	4	8	2
Undecided/67	50	49	30	58

the material at the section managers meeting of Prefectural Board of Education at May 2018
(Author's creation)

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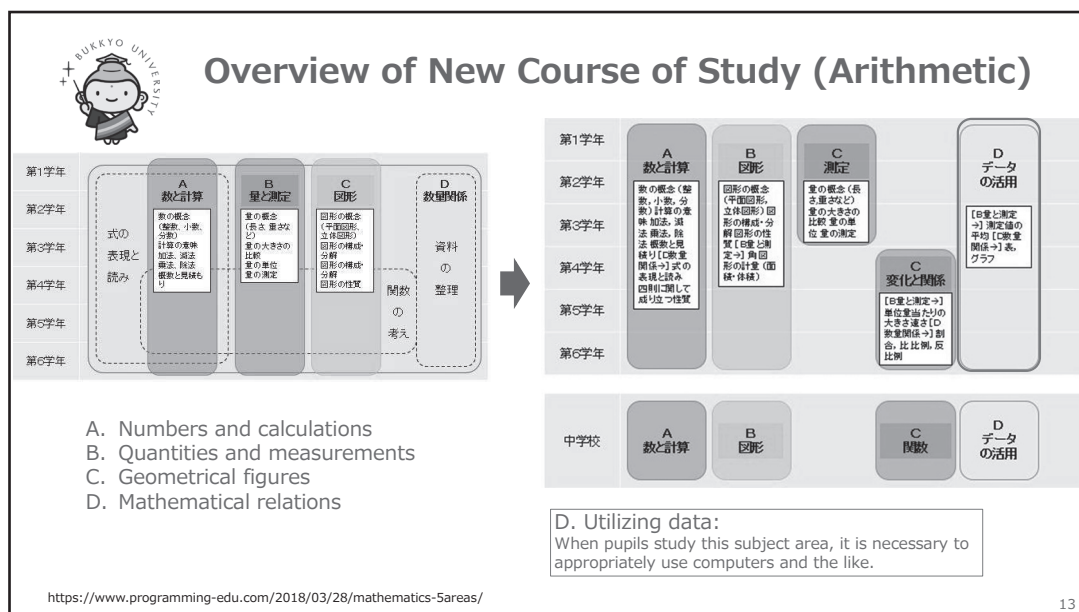


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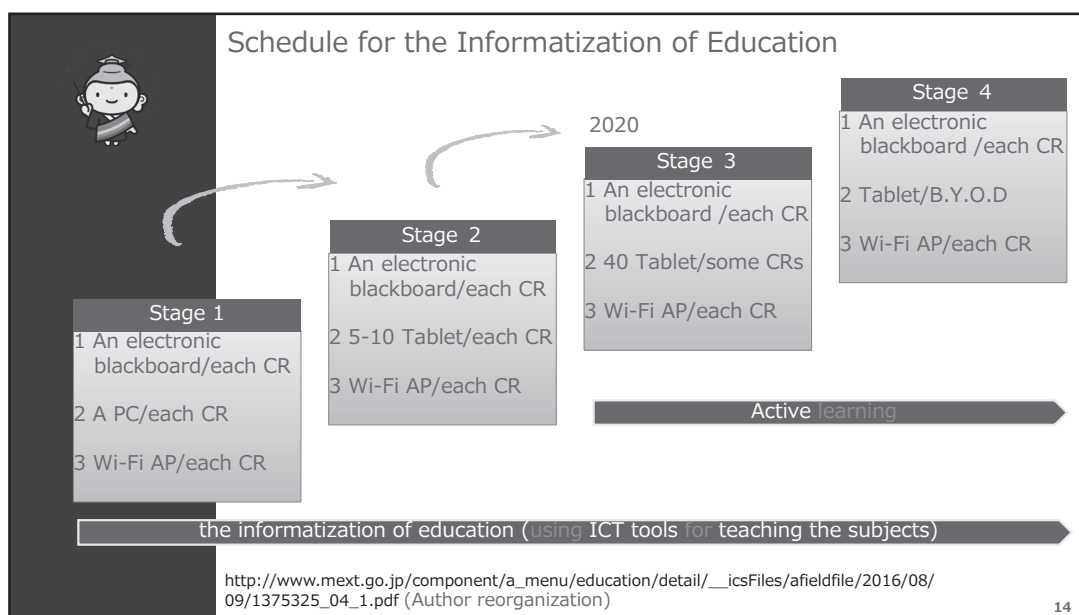
校種	キーボード文字入力数	対象	調査期間
Elementary school	5.9 characters/minute	5 th grade (116 schools; n = 3,343)	2013.10 to 2014.01
Junior high school	15.6 characters/minute	2 nd grade (104 schools; n = 3,338)	2013.10 to 2014.01
High school	24.7 characters/minute	2 nd grade (n = 4,552)	2015.12 to 2016.03

MEXT –the survey of information literacy <http://jouhouka.mext.go.jp/school/joukatu/index.html>

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Innovation Changes Society: Technology Will Change the Structure of Industry.

Society 4.0 Technology has developed rapidly.

65%

65 percent of today's grade-school children may end up doing work that hasn't been invented yet.

47%

47% of jobs are at risk of becoming automated.

Professor Cathy N. Davidson, City University of New York

Michael A. Osborne, Oxford University

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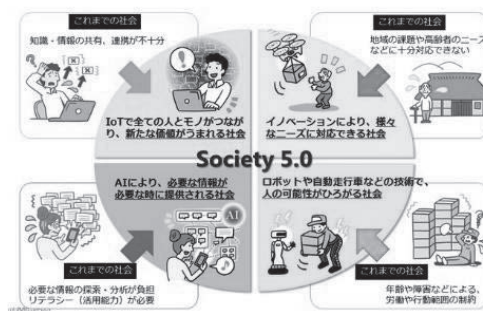
Society 5.0

Big data
+
AI technology
+
The forefront of biotechnology



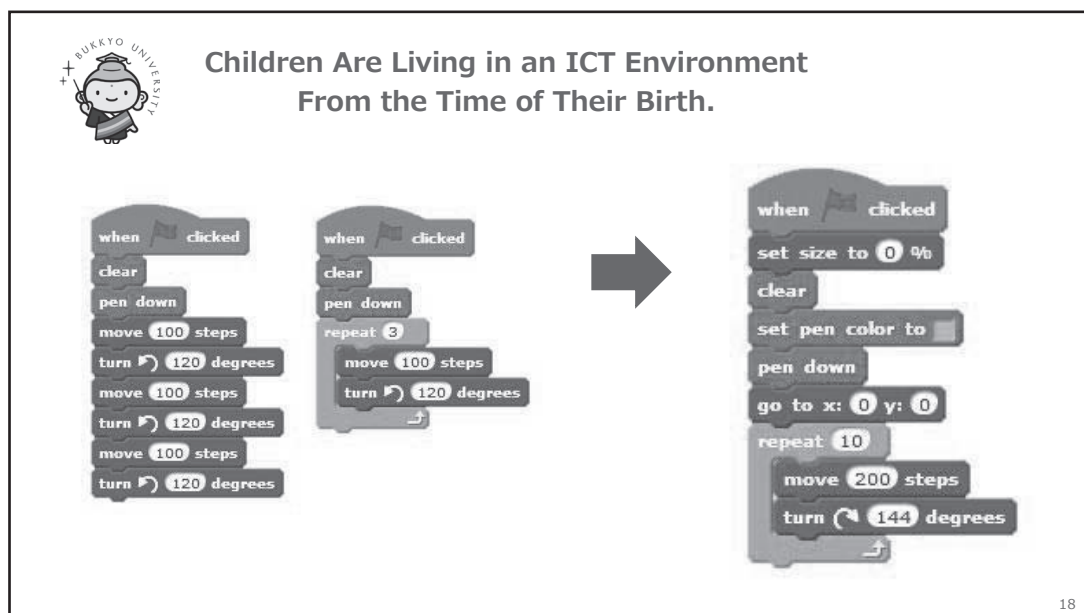
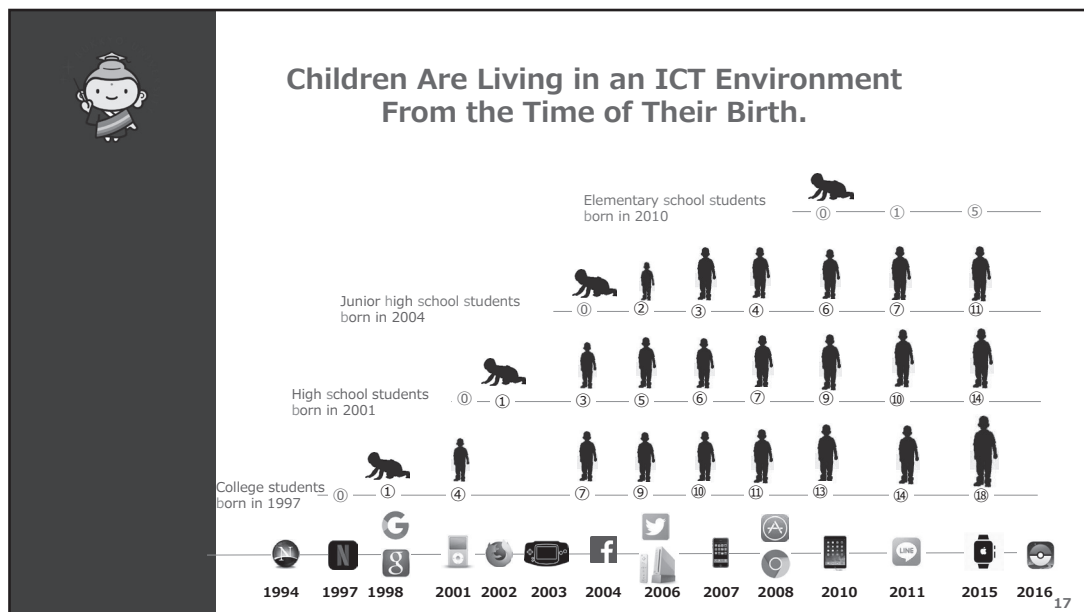
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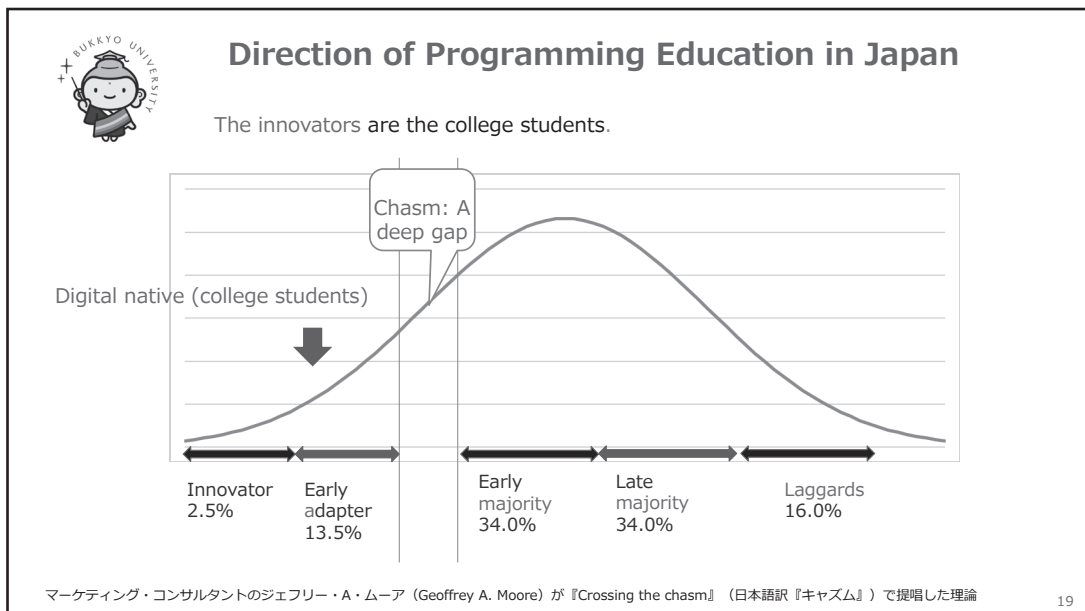
The solution to resolve the problems that contemporary society is facing, such as the population problem, the food problem, the resource energy problem, the aging of society, etc.



Cabinet Office http://www8.cao.go.jp/cstp/society5_0/index.html (Author reorganization)

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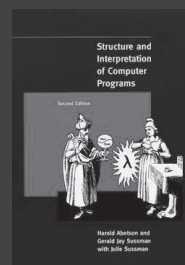


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To mention the qualities necessary for the qualities necessary for the AI era here ...

Logic expressions (programs) for AI must be written for people to read, and surely incidentally for AI to understand.

Programs must be written for people to read, and only incidentally for machines to execute.



Published by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
 Classical textbook "*Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs*" used
 in programming introductory lecture at many universities, including MIT

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